

What is claimed is:

1. A system for secure electronic storage of documents, said system being accessible over an Internet to authorized users, comprising:

5 a data storage medium, said data storage medium storing said documents;

a document management system, said document management system providing said user with searchable access to said documents stored on said data storage medium; and a

10 a security system, said security system comprising a password system and encryption system,

said password system requiring said user to enter a password prior to permitting said user to access said documents, and

15 said encryption system encrypting communications with said user when permitting said user to access said documents.

20 2. A system as in claim 1, wherein said data storage medium comprises a database.

3. A system as in claim 2, wherein said database comprises a RAID array.

4. A system as in claim 1, wherein said documents are of a plurality of confidentiality levels and said security system denies said user access to a portion of said documents, said portion of said documents being of a confidentiality level said user is unauthorized to see.

5. A system as in claim 4, wherein said documents relate to a litigation.

6. A system as in claim 5, wherein said confidentiality levels are set forth in a court order governing discovery in said litigation.

7. A system as in claim 1, wherein a plurality of computers co-located with said document management service are connected to said document management service, and wherein at least one of said plurality of computers comprises a management computer, said management computer being capable of managing user access to said document management service.

8. A system as in claim 7, wherein at least another of said plurality of computers comprises a document

worker workstation, said document worker workstation
permitting the creation of indexes of said documents.

9. A process of providing access to
5 electronically stored documents on a documents storage
facility via an Internet, comprising the steps of:

providing a website accessible through said
Internet;

10 verifying that a user accessing said website
is entitled to access said stored documents;

providing a search screen to said user, said
search screen enabling said user to search for terms
contained in said stored documents;

searching for said terms in said documents;

15 displaying results of said search, said
displayed results comprising a list, said list identifying
documents found to contain said terms during said search
and providing hyperlinks thereto;

20 providing said user with an image of a
selected document upon said user selecting one of said
documents on said list;

permitting said user to switch views between
said image and notes, said notes being related to said
selected document;

said facility being accessible by users from remote locations through an Internet, comprising the steps of:

scanning paper documents into a data storage medium so as to create images of said documents in said data storage medium;

determining if any of said documents fall within a privileged category;

entering information related to said documents in an index;

performing an optical character recognition process on said images so as to create electronically searchable files containing text shown in said documents;

associating each of said images with its respective index entry and electronically searchable file; and

placing said images, said index entries and said electronically searchable files on a storage medium that is accessible to said users over said Internet.

15. A process as in claim 14, wherein said entering step comprises entering objective information.

16. A process as in claim 14, wherein said entering step comprises entering subjective information.

17. A process of producing documents in litigation from an electronic document storage facility accessible from remote locations via an Internet comprising
5 the steps of:

determining which of said documents are to be produced;

storing information identifying said documents to be produced in a file;

10 transferring said file to a document control system;

selecting overlays to be overlayed on said documents to be produced;

combining images of said documents to be
15 produced and responsive overlays to create overlaid images;
and

placing said overlaid images on a memory device.

20 18. A process as in claim 17, wherein said information relating to said documents to be produced comprises file names of images of said documents to be produced.

19. A process as in claim 17, wherein said memory device comprises a CD-ROM.

20. A process as in claim 17, wherein said memory
5 device comprises paper.

21. A process as in claim 17, wherein said overlays comprise a confidentiality level designation.

10 22. A process as in claim 17, wherein said overlays comprise a unique identification code separately identifying each page of said documents to be produced.
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